

2002 Utah Child Care Market Rate Study

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I. INTRODUCTION

Federal regulations require states to conduct a market rate study or survey every two years. The data are used to establish the child care subsidy for the Payment-to-Parent Assisted Child Care Program.

The Payment-to-Parent Assisted Child Care Program provides funding for child care to parents who are employed or employed and attending school or training. The program serves single-parent and two-parent families. Parents must meet minimum work requirements and be within income limits. Other eligibility requirements, such as, cooperation to obtain child support may also apply. For more information about the Payment-to-Parent Child Care Program, call 1.866.375.KIDS (5437) or email, KIDS@ws.state.ut.us.

This study is intended to ensure that the child care subsidy reflects current market conditions. The child care subsidy is based on many factors and is not intended to cover the entire cost of care.

The last market rate study produced by the Department of Workforce Services was released in February 2001. The Office of Child Care intends to conduct a comprehensive study of child care rates, subsidy reimbursements and distribution strategies. The information will be available for the 2004 program year.

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II. METHODOLOGY

The Department of Health is charged with regulating child care providers in Utah. Each regulated category of child care has its own set of training, health and safety requirements. To obtain information about licensing rules and regulations, contact the Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Licensing, at 801.538.6152.

Only regulated or licensed child care provider rate data were studied. During the study period, the Bureau of Child Care Licensing website (<http://health.utah.gov/licensing/cc.htm>) identified more than 2,300 regulated providers delivering care throughout Utah.

Child care provider rate data are collected by Utah's six child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies. The CCR&Rs are contracted by the Department to provide community-based child care information and referral services throughout Utah. The CCR&Rs serve both parents and child care providers. Parents call a locally based CCR&R to receive information to assist them in their search for child care.

TABLE 1
2002 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study
Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies Serving Utah

Agency	Contract Agent	Counties Served
CCR&R, Bridgerland	Utah State University	Box Elder, Cache, and Rich
CCR&R, Eastern	College of Eastern Utah	Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, San Juan, and Uintah
CCR&R, Metro	Children's Services Society of Utah	Salt Lake and Tooele
CCR&R, Mountainland	Utah Valley State College	Summit, Utah and Wasatch
CCR&R, Northern	Weber State University	Davis, Morgan and Weber
CCR&R, Western	Five County Association of Governments	Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Washington, and Wayne

Source: Department of Workforce Services, Office of Child Care

A critical component of the CCR&Rs' work is their contact with child care providers. The CCR&Rs track regulated child care providers serving their area. Inclusion on the CCR&R databases is voluntary and some child care providers opt out. Child care providers on the CCR&R databases voluntarily report their rates, slots and vacancies, and other information to the CCR&Rs. The rate data obtained by the CCR&Rs from child care providers is the source of the data that appears in this report.

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After accounting for providers not included on the CCR&R databases and providers with rate data that was unreliable, e.g., zero or blank, an estimated 78% of regulated providers were studied. This study includes the following regulated groups:

Centers (GP)	239
Family Group (FG)	221
Family (FP)	829
<u>Residential Certificate (RC)</u>	<u>510</u>
All Studied	1,799

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III. DATA

The CCR&R databases contain information about licensed or regulated child care providers. Some CCR&Rs include license exempt providers on their databases. Unregulated or license exempt child care providers are not included in this study. While license exempt provider data are available, the numbers are small and are limited to providers willing to report to the CCR&Rs.

Each CCR&R is contractually required to update regulated child care provider information every two months. It is in the interest of the CCR&R to continually update their provider database to give parents the most current information available on child care providers in their area. The CCR&Rs update vacancy, rate or other information. Provider updates are done by phone and are time consuming. Some CCR&Rs are able to update their entire database in two months, while others, because of the volume of providers in their region, work year round to keep their database current.

For this study the following describes each CCR&R provider database - # of providers, when data were updated and the percentage of database updated:

TABLE 2
2002 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study
CCR&R Database Update

CCR&R	# of providers as of July 2002 †	Update Information
Bridgerland	200	91% updated 6/02 9% updated within the last 12 months
Eastern	87	75% updated within the last 6 months 25% updated within the last 12 months
Metro	549	92.1% Salt Lake County updated within the last 7 months 100% Tooele County updated 12/01
Mountainland	350	100% Wasatch County updated within the last 12 months 100% Summit County updated within the last 12 months 91% Utah County updated 7/02
Northern	471	complete update every 5-6 weeks, data obtained 7/02
Western	279	25% updated 7/02 50% updated within the last 6 months 25% updated within the past year

† regulated and not regulated

Source: Utah's Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

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Child care rate data were obtained by DWS from each of the six CCR&Rs in July 2002. A uniform database was constructed to store and compile the data. The compiled data from the CCR&Rs were analyzed and data tables were created by the Department of Workforce Services, Economic Data Collection and Analysis Unit.

Data analyzed:

- provider license type
- provider rates
- service by age of child (infant, age 2 through preschool, kindergarten and school-age)

A. Provider License Type

At the time the study was conducted, the CCR&Rs had over 1,700 licensed or regulated child care providers on their databases. Each regulated category has its own set of training, health and safety requirements. The following briefly describes the number of children allowed by type of care:

- * Licensed Center Care (GP) depends on the # and the age of children to caregiver
- * Licensed Family Group (FG) up to 16 children depending on age of children
- * Licensed Family Home (FP) up to 8 children depending on age of children
- * Residential Certificate (RC) up to 8 children

B. Provider Rates

The CCR&Rs collect child care provider rate data by four time units: hourly, daily, weekly and monthly. While the study focuses on monthly rates, all time units were analyzed. If a provider didn't report a monthly rate, a monthly rate was calculated based on their reported hourly, daily, or weekly rates. Each provider had the potential to report one to four time unit rates for each age group of children served.

Provider rate data were excluded when the rate(s) were zero or blank.

C. Service by Age of Child

Rates are categorized by the age range of the children served. The following describes the age ranges studied:

Infant	ages 0 to 2 years
Age 2 through Preschool	ages 2, 3, or 4 years
Kindergarten	age 5 until 1 st grade
School-Age	1 st grade and higher

IV. UTAH CHILD CARE MARKET RATES

The following tables present 2002 Utah Child Care Market Rates. Provider rates are reported by child care providers to the Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. Rates are expressed by age range of children, by provider type and by monthly rate.

Table 3
2002 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study
Monthly Percentile Rates by Age and License Group
Infants (ages 0 to 2 years)

Provider Type	# of rate units	Percentiles					
		Low 10th	Median	65th	70th	75th	High 90th
Center	150	387	500	538	538	575	624
Family Group	708	301	371	387	387	400	430
Family	202	323	371	387	396	430	430
Residential Certificate	384	300	344	387	396	430	495
	1,444						

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Child Care Market Rate Study, September 2002

Table 4
2002 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study
Monthly Percentile Rates by Age and License Group
Age 2 - Preschool (ages 2, 3, or 4 years)

Provider Type	# of rate units	Percentiles					
		Low 10th	Median	65th	70th	75th	High 90th
Center	63	310	366	404	419	430	495
Family Group	2,154	280	323	344	344	344	387
Family	565	280	344	344	344	344	387
Residential Certificate	1,255	258	323	344	344	344	430
	4,037						

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Child Care Market Rate Study, September 2002

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Table 5
2002 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study
Monthly Percentile Rates by Age and License Group
 Kindergarten (Age 5 until 1st grade)

Provider Type	# of rate units	Percentiles					
		Low 10th	Median	65th	70th	75th	High 90th
Center	195	280	344	366	375	387	460
Family Group	663	258	323	344	344	344	366
Family	192	258	333	344	344	344	387
Residential Certificate	363	237	323	344	344	344	387
	1,413						

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Child Care Market Rate Study, September 2002

Table 6
2002 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study
Monthly Percentile Rates by Age and License Group
 School Age (1st grade and higher)

Provider Type	# of rate units	Percentiles					
		Low 10th	Median	65th	70th	75th	High 90th
Center	177	200	317	340	344	351	434
Family Group	595	258	323	323	344	344	344
Family	177	258	323	344	344	344	387
Residential Certificate	304	215	323	344	344	344	387
	1,253						

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Child Care Market Rate Study, September 2002

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Median: the middle value in a distribution, above and below which lie an equal number of values.

Percentile: a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates whether a distribution is above or below it. For example, a monthly rate in the 75th percentile indicates that a child care provider charges are higher than 75% of all the child care provider rates studied.

Source: www.dictionary.msn.com, Encarta World English Dictionary [North American Edition]© & (P) 2001 Microsoft Corporation, Bloomsbury Publishing Plc. and Webster's New Riverside University Dictionary: 1998, Houghton, Mifflin and Company.

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